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SUBJECT: GOC STILL DECIDING ON PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT

1. LOCAL PRESS, OTTAWA CITIZEN, ON JULY 18 PUBLISHED ARTICLE (BY ORLAND FRENCH) ENTITLED "DEFENSE STILL DECIDING WHERE TO SPEND \$1 BILLION ON AIRCRAFT". ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS A DECISION MAY BE FORTHCOMING TO REPLACE THE ARGUS LONG-RANGE PATROL AIRCRAFT NOW IN USE BY CANADIAN FORCES.

2. APPARENTLY CHOICES BEFORE THE GOC ARE NARROWING; DEFMIN RICHARDSON HAS INDICATED THAT DEVELOPMENT OF THE DASH-7R "IS TOO DISTANT TO BE CONSIDERED PART OF THE PATROL AIRCRAFT FLEET". HE HAS ALSO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS VIRTUALLY REJECTED AN ALL OUT REFURBISHING OF THE PRESENT FLEET OF ARGUS AIRCRAFT, ALTHOUGH APPARENTLY NEW AIRCRAFT MAY BE PHASED IN GRADUALLY SPREADING COSTS OF NEW PURCHASES OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME.

3. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, CHOICE IS NOW BETWEEN TYPES OF NEW AIRCRAFT INCLUDING THE LOCKHEED P3C ORION AND THE BOEING 707-320. BETWEEN 15 AND 25 OF THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE PURCHASED DEPENDING ON COST.

4. REMAINDER OF ARTICLE DEVOTED TO PROBLEMS OF HIGH COST
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